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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,
Applicant requests consideration of ☒ the reference listed on
attached form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information
identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference
listed on form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

1a. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:
within three months of the filing date (or of entry into
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and thus no certification and/or fee is required.

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(1) ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is
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(2) ☐ a fee of \$_____ is enclosed.

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a. ☐ that each item of information contained in
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3. ☐ Consideration of the following additional information
(including any copending or abandoned U.S. application,
prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the
attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

a. ☐ an English language translation submitted
herewith,

b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the
English language) submitted herewith,

- c. ☐ an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith,
- d. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page^s _____,
- e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- f. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below:

5. ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d), the Commissioner is hereby petitioned to consider the present Information Disclosure Statement. The required petition fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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